

**Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council's
Workgroup #2
City-County Building Room 309
316 N. Park Avenue, Helena, MT
Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 9:30am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

John Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Members in Attendance: Jill Steeley (Chair), Matt Furlong (Vice Chair), and John Wilkinson (Past Chair).

Others in Attendance: Jess Hegstrom and Jen Preble (via phone).

Staff Support in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen and Kellie McBride.

2. Invitations and Responses

John sent an invitation to all Legislators via email with a request to join the LAC for a Legislative Forum on December 14, 2018 at 7am in the PureView Conference Room. Some Legislators have responded with verification that they will attend. Those in attendance to this meeting agreed to reach out to the other Legislators who have not responded yet.

The group agreed to invite a representative from Intermountain, Behavioral Health Association of Montana (BHAM), American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP-MT), Service Area Authority Congress, National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI-MT), Center for Mental Health, Montana Primary Care Association, L&C Public Health, Boyd Andrews, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC), and Montana Independent Living Project (MILP). Each member of the group was assigned someone to invite after brainstorming who the most relevant person would be from each organization.

3. Specific Bills Versus Issues to Address

Legislators draft specific bills meant to address issues. For the Legislative Forum this week, the group decided to address issues then try to put together another forum mid-session to address specific bills.

Medicaid Expansion will be at the forefront of most of the discussion on Friday.

4. Invitation to LAC and Logistics

John volunteered to draft the email invitation to be sent out to all LAC members and interested parties today, forwarded on by Jocelyn. Jocelyn also volunteered to combine all legislative priorities received from each organization attending so that

the Legislators will receive one paper that has all the pertinent information on it. The group agreed to have all printed forms on goldenrod paper.

Jocelyn will put together the agenda for the Legislative Forum and was asked to include time for questions and comments at the end.

Jill stated that PureView would pick up the initial cost and ensure that breakfast refreshments were available at the Forum. Matt stated that PureView will be reimbursed by the mini-grant once SAA disburses the money.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am with all attendees assigned various duties.